

QuickAlerts Messages June 2016

QuickAlerts – June 1, 2016

Subject: Extended Maintenance Window for the AIR Production and AATS Environments

The AIR scheduled maintenance build window is being extended on Sunday, June 5, 2016. The system will be unavailable from 12:01 a.m. until 12:01 p.m., Eastern.

The build will deploy system updates. This extended window affects the AIR Production and AATS Environments.

Thank you in advance for refraining from accessing the AIR Production and AATS Systems during this period.

QuickAlerts – June 2, 2016

Subject: ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting on June 14, 2016

The next ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting (webinar) will be held:

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

The conference begins at 3:00 Eastern Time

Dial-in: 1-877-369-5243 Passcode: 0737569# (Enter the access code on your telephone keypad, followed immediately by the # symbol to bypass system prompts)

You may join the teleconference 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start. You must register to attend the webinar. Participants should register for the webinar no later than 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the day of the event.

To register for this event, use the following link: [Webinar Registration](#)

If clicking the above link does not work, please copy the entire link and paste it into your web browser. A confirmation email will be sent within 24 hours of registration.

This virtual session will focus on General Affordable Care Act Information Returns (AIR) Program topics. At the conclusion of the presentation, there will be a live question and answer period with IRS presenters.

You may use your computer speakers to listen to the webinar or use the teleconference number provided above. To avoid background noise, please do not use both the computer speakers and the teleconference number.

The presentation for this meeting will be posted to the [AIR Program overview](#) page prior to the meeting. An additional QuickAlerts message will be issued when the presentation is posted.

NOTE: The intended audiences of these meetings are Transmitters, Software Developers and Issuers/Payers.

If you are a business owner, tax manager, employee benefits manager, health coverage provider, or software developer or transmitter, you can access and review the **Affordable Care Act Information Returns Corrections Process** video on the [IRS Video Portal](#).

QuickAlerts – June 2, 2016

Subject: Extended Maintenance Window for the MeF Production and ATS Environments

The MeF scheduled maintenance build window is being extended on Sunday, June 05, 2016. The system will be unavailable from 1:00 a.m. until 02:00 p.m., Eastern.

The build will deploy critical system updates. This extended window affects the MeF Production and ATS Environments.

Thank you in advance for refraining from accessing the MeF Production and ATS Systems during this period.

QuickAlerts – June 14, 2016

Subject: Update for the ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting June 14, 2016

The June 14, 2016 Working Group Meeting (webinar) presentation materials have been posted on the [AIR Program overview](#) page.

The webinar is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. As a reminder, you must register to attend the webinar. Participants should register for the webinar no later than 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the day of the event. To register for this event, use the following link: [Webinar Registration](#).

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QuickAlerts – June 16, 2016

Subject: June 18 Maintenance for the ACA Information Return (AIR) System is Rescheduled

The tentatively scheduled maintenance window for June 18, 2016 through June 19, 2016 has been moved to July 2016. An additional QuickAlerts message with more details on the July 2016 scheduled maintenance will be issued as soon as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience.

QuickAlerts – June 26, 2016

Subject: Unscheduled ACA Information Return (AIR) Maintenance: AATS and Production Environments

Due to unscheduled maintenance, the AATS and Production environment will be unavailable today, June 26, 2016 from 11:59 p.m. Eastern until 5:00 a.m. Please refrain from accessing these environments through the A2A or UI Channel. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience in this matter.

QuickAlerts – June 28, 2016

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Production Environment Intermittent Issues

The Modernized e-File Production System is experiencing intermittent issues processing service requests, starting around 4:00 pm, Eastern on 06/28/2016. The IRS is working to resolve the problem as a top priority. Acknowledgements have been affected and are delayed during this time.

The Modernized e-File ATS System is experiencing issues processing service requests. The IRS is working to resolve the problem as a top priority. Please refrain from submitting service requests to the MeF ATS system until further notice.

QuickAlerts – June 30, 2016

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Production and Acceptance Testing System (ATS) Intermittent Issues

The IRS successfully resolved the issues affecting the Modernized e-File Production and Assurance Testing Systems. Please resume submitting your service requests and retrieving acknowledgements.

Thank you for your patience and support.

QuickAlerts – June 30, 2016

Subject: IRS Transcript Delivery System temporary unavailable starting July 1 through July 5, 2016, at 6:00 a.m. EDT

IRS is performing scheduled systems maintenance that will impact the availability of the e-Services' Transcript Delivery System.

TDS will not be available for Centralized Authorization File (CAF) or Reporting Agent (RAF) users beginning Friday, July 1, 2016, at 12:01 a.m. EDT and ending on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, at 6:00 a.m. EDT.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

QuickAlerts – June 30, 2016

Subject: ACA Information Returns May Continue To Be Filed After June 30, 2016

If you are an applicable large employer, self-insured employer, or other health coverage provider, the deadline to electronically file ACA information returns with the IRS is midnight ET on June 30, 2016. The ACA Information Returns (AIR) system will remain up and running after the deadline. If you are not able to submit all required ACA information returns by June 30, 2016, please complete the filing of your returns after the deadline.

It is important to note the following:

- The AIR system will continue to accept information returns filed after June 30, 2016. In addition, you can still complete required system testing after June 30, 2016.
- If any of your transmissions or submissions was rejected by the AIR system, you have 60 days from the date of rejection to submit a replacement and have the rejected submission treated as timely filed.
- If you submitted and received “Accepted with Errors” messages, you may continue to submit corrections after June 30, 2016.

The IRS is aware that some filers are still in the process of completing their 2015 tax year filings. As is the case for other information returns, penalties may be associated with the submission of the ACA information returns for failure to timely file required returns. As the IRS has publicly stated in various forums in recent months, filers of Forms 1094-B, 1095-B, 1094-C and 1095-C that miss the June 30, 2016, due date will not generally be assessed late filing penalties under section 6721 if the reporting entity has made legitimate efforts to register with the AIR system and to file its information returns, and it continues to make such efforts and completes the process as soon as possible. In addition, consistent with existing information reporting rules, filers that are assessed penalties may still meet the criteria for a reasonable cause waiver from the penalties.

If you are not an electronic filer and you missed the May 31, 2016, paper filing deadline for ACA information returns, you should also complete the filing of your paper returns as soon as possible.
